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MOST SAVAGE BATTLE IN HISTORY BEING FOUGHT

Germans Hurl Solid Column of 80,000 Men Crashing Against French Positions—Front Ranks Pushed On by These Behind Become So Tangled Even Bayonets Were Useless and Fists and Feet Were Only Weapons—French Hold Positions—100 Dead

Paris, May 24.—From Decian's hill eastward to the ruins of Fort Douaumont the most savage battle in world's history is raging today.

Eighty thousand Germans were sent crashing into the French positions on Dead Man's hill while two Teuton brigades rushed repeatedly during the night at the soldiers of the republic holding Douaumont. Every assault was a failure.

Fighting in the Douaumont ruins attained its greatest intensity at noon yesterday. Germans covered all French trenches from Thiaumont to Douaumont with a steady artillery fire. Behind great columns of dust, the grey German lines swept toward the French works. French machine guns sprayed the charging ranks, but still the waves of spiked helmets came on and swarmed over the western and northwestern edges of Douaumont.

Here a bloody struggle began. Man fought against man, clinging to steep parapets, climbing through narrow alleys and slashing through dense entanglements of barbed wire. Bayonets and hand grenades became useless, so closely were the fighting troopers wedged together. Shoved forward by the press of comrades at their backs, the Germans battled with fists and stabbed with knives.

When one such assault was defeated by the French and its survivors ejected from the works, another was started. Throughout the day the Germans attacked repeatedly. There was no change when night came. In spite of this terrific hammering, French troops retained all positions taken on Monday. The loss at this point in the first two days of the desperate fighting is estimated at ten thousand and killed.

Paris, May 24.—German troops have used gas west of Navarin farm, but failed to progress. Send Munitions to Russia. Petrograd, May 24.—The visit to Petrograd of Albert Thomas, French minister of munitions, accompanying former Premier Viviani, indicates to day that the French are helping Russia solve her munition problems.

The Germans since Sunday, recited the communique, have been attacking the northwestern front of Verdun with 60,000 men. Throughout last night the battle was waged furiously. Both banks of the Meuse were assaulted but French troops stubbornly resisted, inflicting enormous losses on the enemy. Hand to hand fighting preceded German capture of Cumières village. On the Meuse east bank Germans, after extensive artillery preparations, launched repeated charges against the Haudoumont-Douaumont front, losing fearfully.

German fire blotted out French trenches, but the defenders stuck to the debris and battled the advancing Teutons with bayonet, clubbed rifle and knife.

East of Fort Douaumont despite a deadly fire from machine guns, a few German detachments streamed through the French bullets and reached their objective positions. West of the fort all charges were halted. The Germans

London, May 24.—The Greek steamer Estros has been destroyed by a submarine, its crew arriving in England today. The captain asserted three sailing vessels had also been submerged.

British Were Repulsed. Berlin, May 24.—British troops attacked German lines near Biveneby, Hulbeck and Bainsville in yesterday's fighting, the war office announced today. Southwest of Givency a few British soldiers penetrated German trenches but were immediately slaughtered. Other attacks were repulsed.

Austrian Aeroplane Downed. Rome, May 24.—Italian warships shot down an Austrian aeroplane over the upper Adriatic recently, the war office stated today.

WORK TO START SOON ON POTASH FACTORY AT NEWPORT

Newport, Ore., May 24.—News has been received here that work on the potash factory to be erected here by the Oregon Potash company, a corporation formed for the purpose, will be under way by June 1st.

The city of Newport has leased a location to the company and everything is in readiness for beginning the work. The factory will employ about 20 men and will contract with local parties for gathering the kelp.

Jeff Moots drove town today and got border news, an incidentally a bolt of kelp wire. Tell Binkley has decided not to run for sheriff, so his party is looking for a strong man to be the candidate.

MEDFORD VOTES BONDS

Medford, Ore., May 24.—By a vote of five to one Medford yesterday amended its city charter to permit the issuance of \$300,000 bonds for the construction of a railroad to the Blue Ledge mine. Another election will be held within a few weeks to issue the bonds. The railroad taps a rich copper country.

PRINCE VON BEULOW TO BE AMBASSADOR

This Is Taken To Mean That A Move For Peace Will Be Made Soon

London, May 24.—Prince Von Beulow, former German chancellor, is to become ambassador to Washington, the Exchange Telegraph stated this afternoon on what it termed good authority. The report said the German diplomatic corps would be rearranged. The statement made by the Exchange Telegraph was not corroborated from other sources, although Ambassador Von Bernstorff's recall has been repeatedly rumored. Assumed the report to be true, it is taken to mean that Germany expects a move for early peace. Prince Von Beulow is connected with peace moves, especially as he was recently in Switzerland. A year ago he tried to prevent Italy from joining the entente allies.

WOOLEN MILL FOR OREGON

Portland, Ore., May 24.—The Marysville, Cal., woolen mills were purchased by the Portland Mills and the Pendleton Woolen Mills, it was announced today. Of the 32 looms at Marysville, 26 will be brought to Portland and six will be taken to Pendleton. Announcement of the purchase was made in Pendleton two weeks ago, but until today it was not known that the Portland mills were involved. The price has not been revealed.

GROUND TO DEATH BY TRAIN

Ontario, Cal., May 24.—A man and woman supposed to be George L. Marsh and wife of Berkeley, were ground to death under the wheels of a Pacific Electric car on Euclid avenue between Fourth and Fifth streets here today. They were driving in an automobile carrying camping equipment and were headed east. It is understood that they had been visiting in this locality for the past week or two.

NAVY GETS \$360,000,000

Washington, May 24.—A "million dollars a day" navy is provided by the naval bill reported to the house today. The measure carries a total appropriation of \$360,000,000, an increase of more than \$60,000,000 over last year. It authorizes a government armor plate plant, more guns and ships, drydocks at Norfolk and Philadelphia and projectile plants.

BIG ORDER FOR MILK

Portland, Ore., May 24.—Orders from European governments for five million cases of condensed milk were received by Oregon condenseries and cannot be filled because all plants are crowded to capacity. Condensers say that they cannot even supply the home trade. A three cornered fight between creameries, cheese factories and condenseries has resulted in an increase in the price of raw milk.

WILL VOTE ON LAND GRANT BILL TOMORROW

Washington, May 24.—Representative Foster of Illinois, blocked passage of the Oregon-California land grant bill this afternoon, when he forced an adjournment of the house, raising a point of no quorum. The measure will be voted on tomorrow.

COLD WAVE HITS FREMNO

Fremno, Cal., May 24.—Cold weather hit this district today. In this city the mercury dropped to 28 and five inches of snow fell at Huntington Lake where summer tourists were boating and sailing. The temperature at the lake was 16 degrees. No frost damage was done here.

Phone 81—if the carrier misses you.

NELMS SISTERS MYSTERY GROWS MORE PUZZLING

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Woman Who Runs Bakery In Seattle Positive Nellie Worked for Her

HER RESEMBLANCE TO PICTURES WAS NOTICED

Says She Called Girl's Attention to This and Received Curt Answer

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TODAY'S BALL SCORES

National.	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	6	10	1
Chicago	5	8	2
Rixey and Killifer; Seaton and Fisher; Demaree replaced Rixey. Bender replaced Demaree.			
American.	R.	H.	E.
New York	6	10	0
Cincinnati	1	11	4
Porritt and Bariden; Schulz and Wingo.			
R. H. E.	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	3	13	0
Pittsburg	2	8	1
Chesney and Meyers; Mammaux and Gibson. Harmon replaced Mammaux. 10 innings.			
American.	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	1	4	1
New York	10	10	0
Weilman and Severoid; Shawkey and Walters. Parks replaced Weilman. Fischer replaced Parks.			
R. H. E.	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	0	4	2
Boston	4	9	3
Dubuc and Stanga; Ruth and Thomsen. Baker replaced Stanga.			
R. H. E.	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	5	5	3
Philadelphia	4	8	2
Morton and O'Neill; Bush and Meyer.			
R. H. E.	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	4	6	0
Washington	1	6	2
Faber and Schalk; Gallia and Henry. Ayres replaced Gallia. Boehling replaced Ayres.			

Washington Junior Elects Its Officers

The election today at the Washington junior high school for officers of the student body resulted as follows: President, Harold Friend. Vice President, Pauline Bick. Secretary, Marion Emmons. Treasurer, Kenneth Waters. Editor, Lindsey Stight. Board of Auditors, Earl Shafer, Margaret Livesley and Ralph Hamilton. The election was closely contested and the Washington junior high school pupils are already learning a lot about political ways and means.

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ROAD AND INJECTION SUIT NOT YET ARGUED

Dallas, Oregon, May 24.—(Special)—The injunction suit brought against the county court by J. K. Sears of McCoy, to stop payment of money for the road and bridge work at Independence has not yet been heard by circuit judge H. H. Bell. The case was to have come up last week but for some reason was postponed. Judge Bell left Saturday for Tillamook and will not return until some time next week when a hearing will in all probability be held.

FENTON WINS BY SMALL MARGIN

Carl Fenton, democratic candidate for assessor over the primary election over his opponent Frank Meyer by but 6 votes. At first it was thought that Fenton was 24 votes ahead but a recent canvass gives his lead at six.

AMITY DEFEATS DALLAS

The Amity baseball team defeated the Dallas team on the local grounds Sunday afternoon by a score of 11 to 6. The weather being unfavorable cut the attendance down some but the contribution was enough to enable manager P. E. Kersey to break even. Bevens and Leaver pitched for Dallas while the famous Brown battery did the pitching for the visitors. Just who will play the local Sunday has not yet been decided but manager Kersey has several good games listed for the near future.

AGED WOMAN BRUTALLY MURDERED NEAR SEATTLE

Seattle, Wash., May 24.—No progress was reported here today in the search for the murderer of Mrs. Erma Smith, aged 70, whose brutally mutilated body was found in a tent near Badger Mountain by her brother, Ezra Hunt. She had been shot with a 22-caliber rifle and her skull smashed with some heavy instrument. The murderer was tracked as far as Longview Orchard, where the trail was lost. Robbery is believed to have been the motive. Her pocket book was found a mile from the tent, although the slayer overlooked a letter containing \$25 tucked in her bosom. Hunt and his sister had taken up a homestead and were living in the tent. At the time of the crime, Hunt was absent, ransacking up stock. He returned to find his sister lying on the floor dead.

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CARRANZA'S NOTE WILL NOT DEMAND RECALL OF TROOPS

It However Will Urge That United States Troops Are No Longer Needed

IF THIS CAN BE SHOWN ARMY WILL WITHDRAW

Department Not Convinced Mexicans Are Able to Handle Situation

By Carl D. Groat. (United Press staff correspondent.) Washington, May 24.—It is not expected here that the new note from Provisional President Carranza, in transit today by messenger, will make flat demands for withdrawal of American troops from Mexico, but it is expected to contain urgent suggestions that such a withdrawal is expected. It is likely to show resentment at the dispatch of a second American expedition across the border. Carranza is expected to urge that the United States troops are not needed any longer as he has raised a large army for patrol duty. If he can convince the war department that this is true, the withdrawal will probably be automatic. So far the department is not convinced. Carranza is believed to be friendly that he will not press demands which might become troublesome. No request for financial aid has been received from Mexico. The American government is unable to make loans directly, although it might stand sponsor for other loans.

VILLISTAS BANDS GATHER

Columbus, N. M., May 24.—General Pershing today is sending scouting expeditions south of his advanced base in Mexico, in pursuit of Villistas bands who are openly recruiting in the very wake of the retiring American expedition. Bands are being conscripted into the bandit ranks on promise of receiving large rewards of loot, under the assurance that Francisco Villa himself is coming to lead them. Villis in said to have been located west of Parral. This is doubted.

FUNSTON REPORTS RUMOR

Washington May 24.—General Funston today wired Secretary of War Parker saying he had heard rumors that Mexican natives in Madera had been instructed to rise against the Americans.

MARKET INACTIVE AND SHOWS LITTLE CHANGE

New York, May 24.—The New York Evening Sun's financial review today said: The market lost none of its professional character today. On the contrary that quality was accentuated by bear selling on one hand, and offset by pool and elite buying for an advance on the other. The result of this conflict of speculative endeavor was a movement of marked irregularity. It generally may be said to have been heavy. A reactionary tone prevailed among standard railroads during a greater part of the session, while specialties, including motor car stocks, were as a rule strong and higher. Failure of any definite explanation for the recent advance Reading, coupled with a growing belief that the movement had little basis more substantial than a professional maneuver, together with a sharp early reaction in that issue, had much to do with the uncertainty in railroads. Standard issues aside from Reading, which was heavily sold and declined about five points from its previous close, fell back into the rut of inactivity. Pool and clique operations were more clearly defined on the first Mexican issues and the motors which bid up. Irregular and uncertain movements featured later dealings, but the general market was little changed.

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